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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE SECURITY CHIEF ON CONTACTS WITH
OPPOSITION

1. ON MAY 1, 1978, MAJOR GENERAL FABIAN VER, CHIEF OF THE PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY COMMAND AND PRESIDENT MARCOS' CHIEF ADVISER ON NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS BROUGHT UP WITH EMBASSY OFFICER SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE MEETINGS BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT AND OPPOSITION FIGURES. VER STRONGLY IMPLIED THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM WITH SUCH MEETINGS. VER SAID IF VP HAD COME TO MANILA DURING ELECTION CAMPAIGN SUCH MEETING WITH OPPOSITION FIGURES MIGHT HAVE BEEN CONSTRUED AS MEDDLING OR INTERFERENCE. NOW, HOWEVER, SENATORS AQUINO AND TANADA ARE IN COMMUNICATION WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS IN ATTEMPT TO SOFTEN DIFFERENCES AND POLITICAL TEMPERATURES ARE SUBSIDING. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, VER DID NOT BELIEVE MARCOS WOULD OBJECT TO VICE PRESIDENT MEETING OPPOSITION FIGURES.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER COMMENTED IT NORMAL PROCEDURES FOR U.S. PRESIDENTS OR VICE PRESIDENTS TO MEET RANGE OF OPINION LEADERS DURING SUCH VISITS. SHOULD MEETING WITH OPPOSITION TRANSPIRE DURING PHILIPPINE VISIT, SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED

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BY PRESIDENT MARCOS AND HIS GOVERNMENT AS DISRESPECT TO PRESIDENT OR LACK OF UNDERSTANDING HIS GOVERNMENT. VER SAID HE SURE MARCOS UNDERSTOOD THIS. STULL

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